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Christmas halftime show

The Granite City Senior High School Pom Squad performed a Christmas rendition of the half-time show during the basketball game against Belleville East last Friday. Granite won 56-42.

Hepatitis cases could rise with holidays

Food prep for large groups show most risk

By Angela Mueller
Staff writer

The number of hepatitis A cases in Madison County has climbed to 82 for this year,

and health officials fear the number may increase further during the Christmas holiday. "If everyone practices excellent hygiene through the holidays, it won't affect the numbers," said Debra Tscheschlok, personal health services manager for the Madison County Health

"If everyone practices excellent hygiene through the holidays, it won't affect the numbers."

Debra Tscheschlok
Madison County Health Department

Department. "But there is an increased chance of an indi-

vidual contracting hepatitis A during the holidays because you have people preparing food for large groups of individuals in their homes."

Eleven of the Madison County cases have been linked to the Market Street Deli in St. Louis. The cases stemming from the downtown St. Louis deli were the latest in a series of reported hepatitis A cases amongst restaurant and bar workers in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

Following these incidents,

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Fields resigns from Madison County auditor's office

Former official dissatisfied with board's actions

By Sanford Schmidt
Staff writer

Deputy Madison County Auditor Pete Fields said Friday

he is resigning his job to allow him to more freely criticize county government.

"The Madison County Board is suffering from a blatant lack of leadership," Fields said in a news release. He said Board Chairman

Rudy Papa and Rick Paccin, his opponent in the March 21 primary race for the Democratic nomination for auditor, have "violated the voters' trust by enacting a costly and unfair pension plan to reward their political cronies."

Paccin, a board member from Alton, said, "Pete Fields is singing the same old song, and it's a song of negativity."

Fields pointed out he has been working under Auditor Jack Frandsen for the past year, which is the commitment he made when first appointed.

"I now feel it is time to

move on and continue my work to improve Madison County government," Fields said. He said he plans to point out the weaknesses in the leadership of the county's Democratic Party. "I would not feel comfortable doing this if I were employed in the county auditor's office."

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"The Madison County Board is suffering from a blatant lack of leadership."

Pete Fields

Deputy Madison County auditor

Child support checks late for Christmas

Legislators neglected to fix system

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Many area parents dependent on child support checks are being left without money to buy Christmas gifts for their children.

Illinois legislators have once again failed to fix the state child support system. In its last veto session of the year, the House rejected the suggestion to remain in session to correct the problems with the system, instead approving a minor reform

bill that State Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, calls just a Band-Aid on a system that is severely fractured.

Custodial parents across the state have had difficulty receiving child support payments on time since the check distribution system was switched from circuit clerks' offices to a new state payment center near Chicago. The change was made Oct. 1 and was mandated by federal law. Illinois legislators were

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Officials admit problems with disbursement system

Problems previously blamed on businesses

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Officials have repeatedly denied any fault in the child support disbursement system until now.

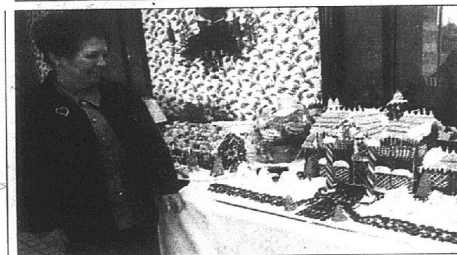
They still claim the problems could not have been avoided.

Since the system started on Oct. 1, officials claimed that checks were late in being sent out because businesses were not sending all the necessary information, or that the information was incor-

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"The biggest problem was the Department of Public Aid has never been willing to sit down and make a good-faith effort to fix this system."

Jay Hoffman
State representative



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Piece of cake

Glenda Ozbun, hostess at Ravanelles, shows off some of the homemade gingerbread houses made by the staff. Pictured is "Graceland."

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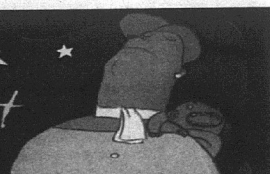
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SIUE holds last commencement of century

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

The cold weather Saturday and the nontraditional graduation date did little to dampen the spirits of the last SIUE graduates of the 1900s and their families. About 800 graduates marched into the Vandalia Center to accept their degrees from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Many are not traditional college students, anyway, so the December, as opposed to June, graduation date made no difference.

Annette Lightner, 39, said

that after the 27-month grind of obtaining her master's degree in nursing with a specialization in anesthesiology she is happy to have the work accomplished so she can get on with her career.

"The only thing about the December graduation is that it's a little more hectic because of the holidays," she said. Lightner got her bachelor's degree from Loyola University in her native Chicago.

The master's degree is a long and arduous course, but her prospects are bright because of the demand for her skills, she said. Lightner said she wants to head south, "preferably where it's a little warmer, like Georgia."

Jeff Juenger, 24, of

Columbia, took six years to graduate because he worked a full-time job for most of his college career and went to classes at night, commuting from Columbia.

"I feel good, relieved," he said as he waited with his proud family members before the ceremony.

Juenger was getting a degree in business administration. "I already have a job at a good company, so this may help me move up a little," he said.

The graduates and their supporters, parents, sisters and brothers, spouses and significant others received warm applause and recognition from SIUE Chancellor David Werner. Werner, who has been at the university

since 1988, said he is aware that nobody gets a college degree without support of those close to him.

Commencement speaker Maurice L. "Bud" Hirsch Jr., associate dean of the School of Business, shared with the

graduates sage wisdom from his collection of lapel buttons.

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Local superintendents prefer flexible discipline

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Local superintendents said they prefer to handle student discipline on a case-by-case basis instead of using strict zero-tolerance policies.

"We have high expectations that are very clear," said Ed Hightower, superintendent of the Edwardsville School District.

"If a student violates our policy, then we will deal with each student on an individual basis," Hightower said the district has clear outlines for student behavior, including respect for each other, discipline and absolutely no bullying.

Most of the area schools follow similar guidelines. Michael Beaber, superintendent of the Alton School District, said Alton schools follow a form of zero-tolerance, but administrators reserve the right to amend student penalties.

"Zero-tolerance, in my opinion, means there are certain acts students commit in a school that the school cannot tolerate," Beaber said. For example, district policies recommend that a student be expelled if he or

she brings a weapon to school.

"Then you have to go into a whole litany of what a weapon is," he said.

While most of the schools in the area have not had to determine whether something like a pair of nail clippers is a weapon, administrators would determine that based upon several factors.

Bethalto School District Superintendent Dennis Rucker said fundamentally his schools practice a zero-tolerance policy, but again, they examine several factors such as how the possible weapon was used.

"I don't believe we have expelled any kids for carrying nail clippers," he said. "I suppose we'd consider the age, the child, the situation, the intent and a whole lot of things like that. If I shoved nail clippers into your eye, you might think it's a weapon."

Rucker said if a student brought a gun to school, that would require automatic expulsion, as would bringing drugs or alcohol onto school grounds.

Other cases are more difficult to determine, like the recent case in Calhoun

County in which a student allegedly wrote a "death list" of students he didn't like.

"I really can't say if somebody were to make up a list of people, if that's an automatic expulsion from school. Once again, we're going to look at the circumstances," Rucker said.

James Herndon, superintendent for the Roxana School District, said district administrators will not tolerate misbehavior, but will look at each situation individually.

"We're going to look at all the facts, use common sense and not use a blanket statement for students," he said.

Jerseyville School Superintendent Cyndy Rice said the district has a general discipline policy, which allows it to consider individual situations. "It's worked well with us," she said.

Beaber said, "I think the parents are looking to have schools having strong discipline. The big issue is safety for children, and it's extremely important to provide a safe environment."

County approves highway plan

Several roads due for improvements over next 5 years

By Sanford J. Schmidt
Staff writer

Projects in Edwardsville and Alton are two of the top priorities in Madison County's five-year highway plan.

The Edwardsville project calls for improving Birch Drive between Edwardsville and Wood River. The Alton project calls for improvements to

Indiana Avenue. County Engineer Dave Dietzel said Birch is one of several major projects on the list. He said it could be completed by late next summer at a price tag of \$6 million. "It's a big job," he said. County officials still are negotiating with property owners for right of way, he said.

Indiana Avenue in the Alton industrial corridor near the former Owens Illinois property is considered a key to the city's economic development prospects.

The new road will provide access to the former glass works property at two points, providing better access to major highways for the entire industrial area, said Alton's Economic Development Director Phil Roggio.

A public information hearing on the improvement is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall. Once that is out of the way, the state may let bids and start construction on the project, Roggio said.

State, federal and county money is being used to fund the \$6 million project, which includes a crossing over a set of railroad tracks to the Bern Highway. There also will be an east-west connector route to industrial plants like Laclede Steel Co.

Roggio said.

Birch Drive between Illinois Route 143 just outside Edwardsville to Eucha Road has become increasingly busy with drivers taking a shortcut between Edwardsville and Wood River. Bethalto and Rosewood Heights.

At least 2,000 vehicles use the road each day, and that number is expected to double when the new road is complete, county officials said.

The project will remove three sharp, dangerous turns and rework bridges and culverts. The existing rock and chip surface will be replaced with concrete, and the road will be leveled.

The county will continue its joint venture with the state and the city of Alton to improve Seminary Road from Homer Adams Parkway to College Avenue. The job should be completed

soon, Dietzel said.

The county's plan for the year 2000 calls for improvements on Meridian Road in Glen Carbon and on 20th Street in Alton to continue. Some other projects for the coming year include: Gateway Commerce Center Drive in Chouteau Township; Corbin Street in Bethalto; rebuilding a portion of Goshen Road in Edwardsville; and resurfacing and patching Humbert Road from the Alton city limits to Pearl Street in Godfrey.

Further along in the five-year period, the county plans new concrete pavement on Seiler Road from Seminary Road in Foster Township to Humbert Road in Godfrey. Bluff Road between New Poag Road and South University Drive in Edwardsville also are in the five-year plan.

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Fields resigns

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tor's office," he said. Fields said Faccin voted for a pension plan that allowed some board members to take a full-time government job for a short time just so they could greatly enhance their retirement benefits.

"Rick Faccin said he was against the plan, but he didn't vote against it. Two days after it was enacted, he signed up for the pension, and a few days before filing for office, he tried to get out of the plan," Faccin said. "What better way to illustrate that I am opposed?"

"This is not just a political ploy," Faccin said. "What better way to illustrate that I am opposed?"

He pointed out that Fields was appointed and is being supported by Frandsen, "one of the biggest offenders" in

the area of retirement plan abuses.

Papa said he is going to hold off replacing resigned County Board member Don Rea, D-Pontoon Beach, until he is sure Gov. George Ryan signs a bill to eliminate the retirement loophole.

"Just yesterday, Rudy Papa said he was no longer going to award any more of his cronies these pensions. Where were Rudy Papa and Rick Faccin when leadership was needed?" Fields asked.

"Now Rudy Papa and (Democratic Party Chairman) Mac Warfield want Rick Faccin to be county auditor," he said. "I am not going to let that happen. I will give the voters a choice in this election. I am running for the right reasons, not for a pension benefit."

Faccin said he is tired of responding to Fields' accusations.

"It's Christmas, and I want to wish all my constituents a merry Christmas," Faccin said.

Support checks late for Christmas

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called into special session by the governor after a recent court ruling declaring a firearms bill unconstitutional. Some lawmakers believed they also should have resolved the child support issue.

"I just wish part of the special session was to address the terrible child support fiscal problems," Hoffman said. "We should not allow this problem to persist through the Christmas holiday."

The measure passed by the House established new training programs to show county officials and employers how to use the new system. That measure may help avoid future problems, but it doesn't help the custodial parents who have Christmas gifts stuck in layaway for their children.

"You have to juggle things from here to there," said

Leslie Cammann of Granite City. "I'm still holding off on getting layaways to see if anything is going to come in." Cammann has not received her last four child support checks for her three children, ages 12, 9 and 6.

"This is ridiculous. It's sad," said Karen Brokaw of Granite City. Brokaw has not received a single check since the State Disbursement Unit began distributing the checks Oct. 1.

Brokaw said the late checks have her in a financial bind. "I'm having to borrow money from this person and that person. I say it's just until I get my child support check, but it never comes."

She said that when the Madison County Circuit Clerk's Office handled her child support checks, the checks were never late. "Now, I'm 11 weeks behind," she said.

Brokaw said that, like many others, she will have

"I think what happened was horrible. It was inexcusable for our government to do that to parents and their children."

Susan Krause
Parent

to cut back on holiday purchases this year.

"I'm disgusted with the whole system. I think it's unfair."

At the end of the week, she said, employees of the Department of Public Aid know they have a check waiting for them. She said she was promised two weeks ago that a check would be in

the mail within 48 hours. She has yet to see it.

Brokaw has called the department every day to get answers. No one seems to know what the problem is. One employee told her that calling every day isn't going to get her anywhere. Brokaw said that not calling every day isn't going to get her any further behind.

Susan Krause of Fairview Heights said she is finally caught up on payments, but she is concerned about other parents who have to go through what she did. She's so frustrated with the system, she joked she's ready to picket.

"We take deadbeat dads to court. I was ready to get out and picket with deadbeat state signs," Krause said. "I think what happened was horrible. It was inexcusable for our government to do that to parents and their children."

Officials admit problems with disbursement

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rect. However, officials now say a problem with the agency's computers delayed delivery of the checks even when the information was available and correct.

"The issue with a lack of information was an issue they hadn't anticipated and that's because they thought everyone had been informed and everyone was clear of the process," said Joyce Jackson, the chief of communication for the Department of Public Aid. "I'm sure they hadn't anticipated the issue and problems we've been dealing with."

State Rep. Jay Hoffman said House members voted to adjourn their last veto session of the year without fixing the system because

the Department of Public Aid, which runs the State Disbursement Unit, wouldn't accept responsibility.

"The biggest problem was the Department of Public Aid has never been willing to sit down and make a good-faith effort to fix this system," said Hoffman, D-Collinsville.

Hoffman said not only would the Department of Public Aid officials not admit the problem, they wouldn't admit the severity of it. He said the department officials claim they have

only 4,000 checks in their interest-bearing account.

However, those 4,000 checks are the checks from businesses, Hoffman said. Each business only sends one check to the disbursement unit, which in turn is supposed to send the money to the individual custodial parent. Those 4,000 checks could represent child support payments for many more than 4,000 parents, he said.

Jackson said the department continues to send out checks.

"When the system first started in October, they were processing two percent of the checks. Now it's over 90 percent, almost 95 percent. Of course they are still having problems they are dealing with," she said.

Hoffman said he expects the problem to be addressed further when the House returns to regular session in January. He said he hopes it will be one of the top priorities.

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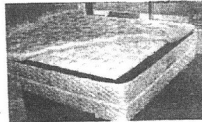
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Obituaries

Michael H. Barry

MICHAEL H. BARRY, 82, of Granite City died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 21, 1917, in Madison, to the late Joseph and Antonia Rapczak Barry. He was retired from A.O. Smith in Granite City, where he worked as an assemblyman. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City and a member of Croatian Fraternal Union 222.

Survivors include his wife, Ann H. Barry; two sons, Michael Barry of Granite City and Joseph Barry of Florissant, Mo.; two daughters, Joann Vaughn of Troy and Geri Alexander of Troy; a brother, Steve Barry of Madison; two sisters, Mary Smoltz of Granite City and Josephine Stelmazek of Rowlett, Ind.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Tom Lieber officiating. Burial will be in Gateway Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth Catholic Church.

Irwin Scott Chaple in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Michael Higgins

MICHAEL HIGGINS, 49, of Chicago, formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, in Chicago.

Born in Granite City, he had been a Chicago resident for 20

years. Mr. Higgins had been employed by WGN Television in Chicago for five years.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Elvis Byrd of Sacramento, Calif.; a son, Patrick Higgins of Chicago; a daughter, Amanda Higgins of Austin, Texas; two brothers, Donald and Phillip Byrd of Granite City; three sisters, Cindy Higgins of Sacramento, Patricia Andrews of Montgomery, Ala., and Peggy Edwards of Springfield and his grandmother, Viola Gibson of Granite City.

A memorial service is planned for 2 p.m. Dec. 26 at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Religious Center.

Rose Meehan



ROSE N. "MADINE" (KACKLEY) MEEHAN, 80, of Granite City, died at 4:44 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 7,

1919, in Venice, where she lived until moving to Granite City in 1966.

Mrs. Meehan was a homemaker and a member of St. Mark's Catholic Church in Venice and both the Venetians and Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens.

She married Bill Meehan on Oct.

23, 1948, at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Venice; he survives.

Other survivors include her daughter, Julie Courtois of Granite City; two grandchildren, David Courtois of St. Jacob and Amy Michaels of Glen Carbon and one great-grandchild, Corey Michaels of Glen Carbon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Julia (Byrnes) Kackley and a sister, Vivian McKinney.

Services were Tuesday at St. Mark's Catholic Church with the Rev. Delix Michel officiating. Burial was in St. Dennis Cemetery, Shipman, Irwin Chapel of Granite City handled arrangements.

Memorials to Hospice of Madison County or in the form of Masses are suggested.

Dorothy Cooper

DOROTHY JANE (SPEAKMAN) COOPER, 37, of Livingston, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:21 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999.

She was born April 7, 1962, in Belleville. Mrs. Cooper was a horse trainer with Patchwork Paint Horses in Livingston. She was a member of Illinois, Missouri and American Paint Horse Association.

She is survived by her parents, Mary Jane (Drennan) Ball of Livingston and Jack W. Speakman of Paloka and a daughter, Morgan Jane Cooper of Livingston.

Funeral services were Tuesday at Lasicko Funeral Home in Livingston with the Rev. Jeff

McDonald officiating. Mrs. Cooper was cremated.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Mary Hanfelder

MARY L. (MOSEBY) HANFELDER, 82, of Granite City, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 21, 1917, in Granite City. Mrs. Hanfelder was a homemaker and a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was a member of the Daughters of the Revolution, St. Elizabeth's Nurses Alumnae and St. John's United Church of Christ.

She is survived by a son, Bill Hanfelder of Granite City; two daughters, Karen Dixon and Betty Nighossian, both of Granite City; grandchildren, Tammy, Taina, Tari, Trina, Derrick, Cara and Jeremy and

great-grandchildren, Michael, Mandi, Ali, Andi, Joseph and Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Hanfelder; her parents, David and Ida (Russell) Mosby; two sisters, Evelyn Cook and Lillian House and a brother, Wayne Mosby.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Allen Reiter officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery in Granite City. Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

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Obituaries

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Cecelia Kamacho

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Georgi Moses Ellerman Nursing Scholarship.

CECELIA KAMACHO, 40, of Granite City, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at Christian Hospital Northeast in St. Louis. She was born Sept. 12, 1959, in Granite City. Miss Kamacho was a clerk at College Bookstore. She was a member of Word of Life Tabernacle.

She is survived by her mother, Minnie (Hart) Kamacho Sr. of Granite City; four brothers, Joseph Kamacho Jr. of Ashland, Va., Louis Kamacho of Madison, Tenn., and George Kamacho and Chris Kamacho, both of Granite City; and a sister, Marquerita Skipper of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph L. Kamacho Sr., and her grandparents. Funeral services were Tuesday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Henry Crispin officiating.

Baptist Church.

He is survived by two daughters, Linda Whitehead of Glen Carbon and Lou Buescher of Edwardsville; two brothers, George Matchell of Licking, Mo., and Charlie Matchell of Sunnydale, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Christine Van Hooser, Tim Buescher and Kevin Buescher.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorette (Woodward) Matchell, whom he married Oct. 24, 1936; his parents, Pete P. and Cora Jane (Harper) Matchell; four brothers, Louis, Herman, Thurston and Pete Matchell; and a sister, Iva Marie Matchell.

Funeral services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Nelle Metzger

NELLE V. (MC CRELLIS) METZGER, 93, of Granite City, died at 5:55 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City.

She was born June 6, 1906, in Madona. Mrs. Metzger was a homemaker and member of First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Barnett of Collinsville and James Barnett of Park Ridge; four grandchildren, Mark Barnett of Wimberly, Texas, Eric Barnett of Edwardsville and Sarah Cameron and Susan Hileman, both of Collinsville; four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Elmer L. Barnett, whom she married April 25, 1928; her second husband, John G. Metzger, whom she married Jan. 2, 1979; her parents, Charles C. and

Sarah Frances (Barnes) McCrellis; two brothers, Harry K. McCrellis and Edmund McCrellis and a sister, Clara Carstensen.

Memorial services will be at a later date.

Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Theresa Scrum

THERESA L. (SIRDICK) SCRUM, of Granite City, died at 7:40 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born July 20, 1928, in Madison. Mrs. Scrum was supervisor of the sample department at St. Louis Trimming for 26 years. She attended Suburban Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Diane Scrum and Marilyn Dresch, both of Granite City; two sisters, Stephanie and Mary Parker, both of Madison; three grandchildren, Gwen Garthe of Dutzow, Mo., and David and Josephine Martin of Annapolis, Md. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore "Ted" Scrum; her parents, George and Theresa (Jernighan) Sirdick; and three sisters, Rose Trovich, Josephine Martin and Ann Barr.

Funeral services were Monday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Ron Zankus officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville. Memorials may be made to Weps at St. Elizabeth Medical Center or Suburban Baptist Church Building Fund.

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He was born Dec. 28, 1926, in Wood River. Mr. Wilhmy was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked for Independent Tankerman Service for 18 years, retiring in 1995 and was a member of the American Legion.

He is survived by four sons, James, Anthony and Gilbert Turner, all of Granite City and Lonnie Turner of Madison; six daughters, Bonnie Collison, Marilyn Rainwater, Rosemary Hildreth, Jackie Turner, Tammy Utz and Mary Parker, all of Granite City; 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by his wife, Idabelle (Reynolds) Wilhmy; his parents, Loren and Mary (Price) Wilhmy; a sister, Mary Wilhmy and a grandson, Mike Turner.

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LONNA JEAN KEETON, 38, of Granite City, died Friday, Dec. 17, 1999, at her residence. She was born June 29, 1961, in Granite City. Mrs. Keeton was a homemaker.

She is survived by a son, Brandon Keeton of Sorento; her mother, Margaret (Barnstable) Keeton and two brothers, Rickey Keeton of Sorento and Erik Keeton of Glen Carbon.

She was preceded in death by her father, Jimmie Keeton.

Funeral services were Monday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating.

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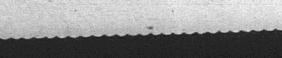
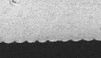
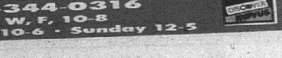
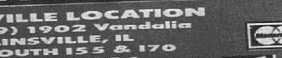
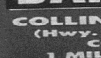
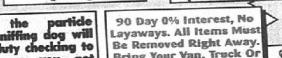
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News

Help teach children to be supportive of friends in need

Sandy Jacoby has involved her Marquette High School seniors as Zink the Zebra volunteers for the past two years, teaching them the importance of being supportive friends to medically fragile people.



Dennis O'Brien
FAMILY MATTERS

Jacoby, who teaches math and coordinates community service activities well enough to receive teacher-of-the-year recognition, recently told me a disturbing story to explain why she is more passionately committed to the Zink program than ever.

Last summer, Sandy took her daughter and two of her friends to a Cardinals baseball game. A smartly dressed man sitting behind them asked one of the teens why she was wearing a kerchief on her head. He wanted to know what had happened to

her hair.

As Jacoby's teacher-honed radar started ping at the intrusiveness of this question, her daughter's friend turned to the man and explained, "I have cancer, and the medicines I take to fight it have damaged my hair. But it'll grow back."

"Chemotherapy," she added, "also makes me nauseous and weak."

Then I guess, the intruder said, "you must be one of those poster children I'm supposed to feel sorry for."

After a telling pause, the young woman looked him in the eyes and replied with a maturity well beyond her age, "Yes, I suppose I am."

I know what I would like to have said, and so did Jacoby. However, Busch Stadium is not the place to try to teach a 50-year-old basic human decency, which he should have learned from his parents decades ago.

"You don't look so terrible," he continued, relentlessly, "it'll get worse. You've still got your eyebrows and eyelashes. You'll lose them soon."

At that point, Sandy told the insensitive stranger to mind his own business, and she did so

much more civilly than I probably would have.

She soon ushered the girls away from the jerk, who had done his best to ruin their afternoon.

I have never met this verbally assaulted teen, but it isn't hard to imagine how she must have felt. Fortunately, this young woman was with good friends and a very resourceful, caring adult.

But consider for a moment how you would have felt if that girl had been your daughter.

The students Sandy and I train through Zink bring a message of understanding, empathy and inclusion to students at elementary schools.

Committed teens who teach younger children to understand, care and stand up for their medically fragile friends have a profound and very positive impact. But we can't reach them all.

That's why I wrote this column. I'm hoping you will review it with your child and discuss the situation I described.

Here are some questions you can use to prepare your child to be supportive whenever a friend needs it:

• How would your child have

felt if she was the child with cancer? What if she was one of the friends?

• How would your child react in a similar situation? How would you want him to respond when something similar occurs?

• How would you like to respond if you were the adult in charge?

• Has your child ever been in situations where medically fragile people were being mistreated? How did she handle it? How would she like to handle it in the future?

Make your values explicit and your suggestions practical so your child has clear ideas about what you would want him or her to do in a variety of specific situations.

These girls did fine, but if the man who was so cruel to these children were ever to read this column, he probably still wouldn't get the point. Let's make sure our kids do.

Dennis O'Brien is a licensed clinical social worker, experienced educator and therapist, and executive director of Zink the Zebra Foundation of St. Louis, an organization serving medically fragile children.

Hepatitis cases could rise with holidays

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St. Louis County has made the hepatitis A immunization mandatory for food service workers.

Tscheschlok said that although the immunizations are not mandatory in Madison County, many area restaurant staff members have come into the Health Department to receive the vaccination.

"Several months ago, we sent a letter to restaurants to let them know we have the vaccine available, and several have come in to receive the vaccination," she said. "Currently, it's not required here, but that does not rule out the possibility

that the board could go on to make it mandatory."

The Health Department has given more than 250 vaccinations in the past month, and most of the recipients were restaurant employees, Tscheschlok said.

The majority of Madison County hepatitis A cases this year have occurred in the southern section of the county, and many were related to outbreaks at a county day-care center earlier this year.

Health officials emphasize that the key to controlling the spread of this disease is proper hand-washing. "As with many communicable diseases, the incidence of hepatitis A can be eliminated by proper hygienic practices," said Dr. John

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Dr. John Lumpkin
State public health director

Lumpkin, state public health director with the Illinois Department of Public Health. "People should

always wash their hands after using the toilet and before handling food. The hand-washing advice before preparing food is especially important at this time of year as families and others gather to eat as part of holiday celebrations."

Hepatitis A is spread through close personal contact with infected persons or by eating or drinking food or beverage handled by an infected person who has not thoroughly washed his hands after having a bowel movement. People infected with hepatitis A are capable of spreading the disease approximately two weeks before symptoms appear.

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Use electricity wisely to avoid needless tragedy this Christmas

Following simple safety tips can keep fire from ruining your holiday mood

By Cathy Cohn
Correspondent

More than just ice and snow pose dangers during the winter holidays. It's estimated that approximately 8,000 accidental deaths occur each December, and many of these stem from fires in the home.

Before you start singing Christmas carols and drinking eggnog, make sure you've observed some basic safety procedures around your house. Jerry McQueen, fire prevention officer with the Greve Coeur, Mo., Fire Protection District, said electrical safety is a major consideration year round, but it's especially important during the holidays.

To avoid disaster this holiday season, McQueen recommends the following tips to prevent fires:

- When getting those holiday decorations down from the attic, check all holiday lights for broken or cracked sockets. Look closely for frayed or bare wires, loose connections and damaged plugs. Throw away damaged light sets.
- Don't be tempted to overload electrical circuits or outlets. For safety's sake, use no more than three standard-size light sets on each outlet.
- Keep lighting away from toddlers and animals. Push the wires inward toward the center of the tree and clip them securely onto branches. Cats especially like to play with wires and cords, so be cognizant of this.
- For outdoor lighting, use only lights approved for use outdoors. Lights are not necessarily interchangeable. Check the label from the testing laboratories. Also, use heavy-duty outdoor extension cords with molded plugs and sockets.
- Keep electrical connections off the ground and away from pools of water.

- Never use nails or tacks to attach extension cords or lights to wood. Instead, use insulated staples.

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Keep lighting
toddler and animals. Push the wires inward toward the center of the tree and clip them securely onto branches. Cats especially like to play with wires and cords, so be cognizant of this.

- Avoid running outdoor lights or extension cords through door or window openings where they can be damaged.
- Make sure appliances are unplugged when working on them.

This sounds simplistic, but accidents can happen when people aren't paying attention or following basic common sense.

- Never leave a residence with your Christmas tree lights on.
- Likewise, don't leave food cooking on the stove while you're gone, even "just for a few minutes."

Don't place cords under rugs or carpets where they can be walked upon or where someone can trip over them. You don't want broken bones this holiday season, either.

- Use flame-resistant ornaments and decorations on or around a Christmas tree. Unless you plan to sit in your living room holding a fire extinguisher all season, don't use those lovely candles to decorate the tree like Grandma used to. There's a reason people don't do that anymore.

In selecting a tree, make sure real trees are as fresh as possible. Look for one with a trunk that is still sticky with sap.

The needles on the tree should bend, not break, and should be hard to pull off the branches. Keep water in the tree holder to keep it from drying.

- Keep your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources.

Discourage smoking in your house, this time of year as well as any other time of year.

- If you select an artificial tree, choose one that has been tested and labeled as fire resistant.

Trees with built-in electric systems should have a UL label. Never replace a fuse with a coin or a fuse that will carry more amps.

- With new gifts, follow common sense.
- Don't use electric appliances in a bathroom when taking a bath, and don't immerse electric appliances in water or leave them around for children or pets to find.

Following these tips, McQueen noted, will help ensure a happy and safe holiday season.

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Not everyone celebrates Christmas Day on Dec. 25

Russian Orthodox, Coptic, Armenian Christians follow old Julian calendar

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

It was exactly 1,999 years ago on Christmas that Jesus was born, right?

Well, actually not. While most Christians celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25, some - most notably some Eastern and Oriental Orthodox faiths - wait until January. And many scholars believe that Jesus was actually born about 3 B.C., most likely in late winter or early spring.

Locally, members of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Apostolic Church in Granite City plan their celebrations for Jan. 6.

The Rev. Vartan Kassabian, pastor of St. Gregory's, said their celebration is "strictly religious" and traditionally involves a period of fasting from Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, then host services that evening.

According to tradition, chil-

ren and young men would then visit the homes of the elders, have a meal and go to church the next morning.

In addition to the Armenian churches, Egyptian and Ethiopian Coptic Orthodox and "old calendar" Russian Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7. The Armenian Patriarchy in Jerusalem doesn't celebrate Christmas until Jan. 18 because of a 13-day difference in the Julian and Gregorian - or modern - calendars.

While maintaining ancient customs, Kassabian said Armenians in America have adopted Dec. 25 as the time for gift giving. Traditionally, gifts were given on Dec. 31 to celebrate the new year.

"Our traditions have survived quite nicely, even though Dec. 25 has been highly secularized by commercialization," he said. The difference stems from the need for Christian Rome to accommodate pagan celebrations into Christian worship and the

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In about 325 A.D., the Roman church separated the nativity and epiphany because it was attempting to discourage the celebration of pagan festivals.

The Dec. 25 date corresponded closely to the winter solstice, usually one of four high points of pagan celebrations in the pre-Christian Roman Empire," Kassabian said. The others would be the spring, summer and fall solstices.

Because Armenia had already

converted to Christianity, they

continued celebrating the birth of Christ later.

"We didn't have any pagan feasts to suppress," he said.

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Cheryl Crawford

Now's time to prepare for 'Burns supper' fun

Haggis, dancing and whisky toasts part of Scots' annual party for 'Auld Lang Syne' poet

On or about January 25th each year, many Scots host an evening paying tribute to the renowned Scottish poet Robert Burns, author of the New Year's Eve anthem Auld Lang Syne.

The "Burns Supper" is not a somber affair, but a festive celebration of the poet comprising of food (traditional Scottish fare), drink (a whisky, such as The Macallan Single Highland Malt Scotch Whisky), and Burns' poetry and song, including "Tam o' Shanter" and "My Love is Like a Red Red Rose."

In short, it's an evening he would have enjoyed himself. While Burns and his poetry may not be as widely known on these shores, these special evenings represent a fun and spirited way to spruce up the dead-of-winter.

The experts at The Macallan offer the following tips for hosting your own Burns Supper:

Intersperse a series of toasts throughout the evening. These must include the gentlemen's toast to the "lassies," which should be outrageous and hilarious.

Later in the evening, the lassies should thank the gentlemen for their good wishes with a reply toast.

Make the central toast of the evening the "Immortal Memory," in which a speaker explains why Burns is immortal.

Traditionally, this toast mentions the poet's works, poems, or songs and ends with the company giving a special toast to the "Immortal Memory of Robert Burns."

In keeping with the upbeat tone of the evening, the main course of the meal, haggis, is actually paraded around the room as Burns' poem, "The Address To The Haggis" (what else?), is recited.

If you've never had haggis (a national Scottish dish of sheep's stomach stuffed with a spicy mixture of heart, liver, lungs, onions, oatmeal, and mutton fat), don't let your American squeamishness keep you from enjoying this dinner. Substitute another meat and pretend you're eating the real thing.

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Granite City enjoys successful weekend

Team effort lifts Warriors to victories against Jerseyville, conference foe Belleville West

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Granite City took both ends of a back-to-back basketball weekend.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL The Warriors beat the Panthers 56-44 at Jerseyville Saturday night. But it wasn't easy.

As they have several times this year, the Warriors struggled in the third quarter and watched their six-point halftime lead shrink to two after 24 minutes.

"In this particular game, in this third quarter, we just got careless with the basketball," Granite City coach John VanBuskirk said. "We gave them the basketball too many times, and we had some shots that didn't go in for us. When you don't make baskets things don't go as well."

But Granite outscored the Panthers by nine in the final frame to take the victory away. Matt Pistorius led the Warriors with 22 points. Fellow senior Zack May added 16, many of them coming in crunch time when the Warriors needed senior leadership.

"Zack had 10 points in the fourth quarter when the game was really on the line," VanBuskirk said.

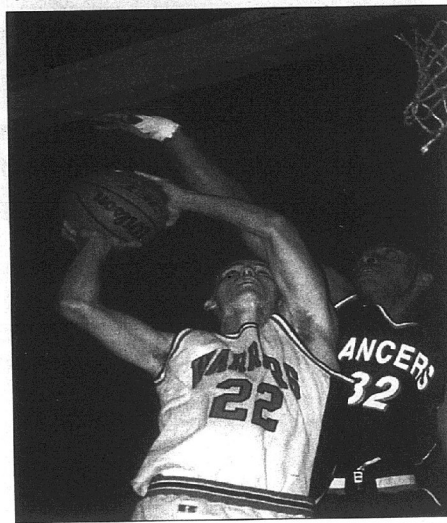
"We had 18 turnovers and didn't do a very good job against Jerseyville's pressure. So credit them with some of that. We had a tough night the night before. With all of those things we were happy to win by 11."

Granite City also pulled off a Southwestern Conference win Friday against Belleville East. Pistorius also carried the torch for Granite in that game, leading all scorers with 28 points. But Friday's 56-44 victory was a total team effort.

"We won that game because the kids played real hard," VanBuskirk said. "Our intensity probably made the biggest difference in that game. We came out flat the week before (in a 20-point loss to Belleville West). This week we came out ready to play and very aggressive."

Granite raised their season record to 5-4. The Warriors open pool play in the Collinsville Tournament at 6 p.m. on Dec. 28 against Dixon.

"You always realistically want to play four games," VanBuskirk said. "That means that you win the first game and you have to win your next one because if you lose your second game, whether you won or lost your first game, you are out of the tournament. The second game is the most important. That gets you to keep playing on Wednesday."



Granite City's Matt Pistorius (22) scored 22 points against Jerseyville on Saturday and 26 vs. the Lancers on Friday.

Tim Stephenson photo

Venice topples Trojans

Cole scores 21 for Red Devils

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

LaRon Cole led Venice to a 64-56 victory vs. arch-rival Madison Saturday night.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL Venice coach Clinton Harris Jr. said, "We didn't run our plays. We just played a sloppy game. At halftime we had a 12-point lead and we felt that we should have put them away. But we let them back in, even within one in the third quarter."

Cole led the Red Devils with 21 points on 6 of 8 shooting. He pulled down 15 rebounds and was 8 for 13 from the free-throw line. Milton Dowell popped in 14 points for Venice and John Chatman chipped in with 12. Karmel Dixon topped Madison with 20 points. Walter Bursey punched in 12, and Jermaine Lovett had nine.

The match between cross-town rivals lived up to expectations - at least in terms of excitement. But enthusiasm doesn't always lead to quality basketball.

"The fact was that they were all hyped up about playing Madison," Harris said. "We really didn't shoot free throws very well tonight. Really, I think both teams were too hyped up for this game. But we played just well enough to win."

After losing their first two games of the season, the Red Devils have reeled off five straight victories. It all turned around at the charity stripe.

"We lost those first two, and really we should have won those," Harris said. "If we had hit our free throws, we would have won both of those games. We were 3 for 15 on our free throws against Freeburg and lost by four. Then we were 2 for 13 against Cahokia and lost by four. The better team didn't win either of those games."

The 5-2 Devils celebrate the holidays in the Columbia-Freeburg Tournament beginning with a 1 p.m. tilt against Affton (Mo.) on Dec. 27.

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Gilbert steals spotlight at All-Metro Classic

East St. Louis senior scores 28 points against CBC

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Kiel Center floor provided a big stage Friday for a game between East St. Louis and Richmond Heights (Mo.) CBC in the first annual All-Metro Basketball Classic.

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL But the show produced a surprise star.

Philip Gilbert stole the spotlight reserved for his All-American teammate Darius Miles and exploded to lead all scorers with 28 points.

He is definitely going to be a big part of this team down the stretch," East coach Fennie Lewis said. "He is our best outside shooter. He runs our fast break very well, and he definitely plays pretty nice defense for us."

Gilbert has moved to the backcourt for his senior year. The switch hasn't hurt his numbers. Gilbert is averaging 17 points a game for the 7-1 Flyers.

"Last year I was playing a small forward position since we had smaller guards in our starting line-up," Gilbert said. "This year I am more of the scoring guard and shooting more than I was last year. This year I try to slash to the basket, get layups, get fouled and go to the free-throw line and shoot my 3-pointers."

"He is more game-conscious," Lewis said. "He is taking better shots than he did last year. He is hitting more free throws. He is going to the basket more, and he is getting more rebounds. His all-around game has improved quite a bit."

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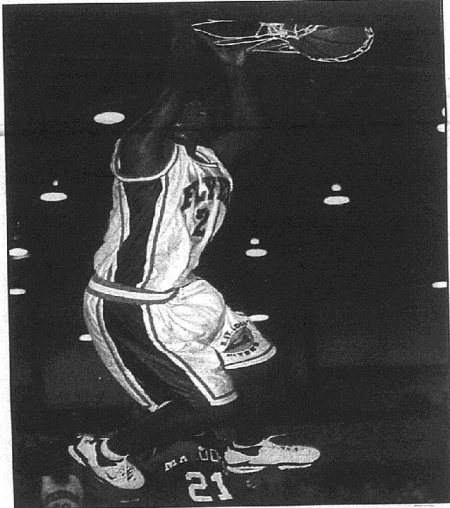
Philip Gilbert
Senior guard

With all the local and national media attention surrounding Miles, it would be understandable for petty jealousies to arise. But that isn't the case for this close-knit group.

"Darius is my best friend," Gilbert said. "Me and the other people on the team feel that if he is getting all of the attention, we will sit back and do our thing, and if anything it, will come to us."

Despite the off-court distractions, the Flyers have talent to burn. Gilbert looks to flame the twine from the perimeter while Miles wipes the glass.

"You have the big man in the middle, an All-American," Gilbert said. "He does what he does, they double- or triple-team him, and I'm on his



East St. Louis guard Philip Gilbert outscored his All-American teammate Darius Miles vs. Richmond Heights (Mo.) CBC.

Tim Stephenson photo

Mueth helps Red Bud maintain status

Sophomore leads Musketeers to 27 wins and another sectional championship

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Red Bud High volleyball coach Sandy Griffin believes she has a complete player in sophomore Jennifer Mueth.

ALL-JOURNAL VOLLEYBALL (CLASS A) Whether through her defense, hitting, passing, serving or communication, Mueth filled many roles for Red Bud in 1999. Her versatility was one reason she was selected the Class A Volleyball Player of the Year for the Journal Newspapers of Southern Illinois in voting by Metro East coaches.

"She was one of our primary passers," Griffin said. "She's a very aggressive server. Defensively, she's real good. She has the ability to read the other team. She did a good job this year on the court with communicating. As a sophomore, you don't always find that."

"She's a total player," Mueth enjoyed a break-through campaign. The outside/left side hitter posted 190 kills and 38 aces in 1999. She also connected on 327 out of 357 serves for an impressive 91.6 percent clip. Her efforts helped Red Bud finish 27-13 overall.

win its fourth consecutive IHSA Class A regional championship and capture its second straight sectional championship.

The Musketeers came within two points of making a second consecutive state tournament trip, falling to Edwards County in three games at the Anna-Jonesboro Super-sectional.

"I think we did really good this year," Mueth said. "There's always the fact that we didn't make it to state. But it was a really good season. We improved a lot from the first game to the very end. We did really good."

Griffin was pleased with Mueth's campaign. "I think Jenny had a real good year," Griffin said. "She came on strong throughout the season. She's definitely a strong player."

Mueth said she became a better passer this season, particularly on defense. She attributed improvement, in part, to playing club volleyball during the summer.

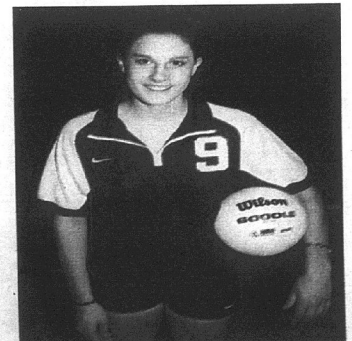
Mueth now hopes to accomplish greater strides from her sophomore to junior campaign. She specifically wants to fine-tune some aspects of her game.

ALL-JOURNAL TEAM

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Kara Liefer, Red Bud;
Kim McNeil, Vainoy;
Byrne McInnis, Waterloo; Gibault;
Jennifer Mueth, Red Bud;
Lynn Torisky, Waterloo; Gibault;
Second Team
Lindy Burda, Red Bud;
Jodi Hentscher, Waterloo; Gibault;
Gwyn Smith, Freeburg;
Kelly Trullenbrun, Columbia.

"Definitely," Mueth said. "Probably hitting because that isn't the best thing I do. 'I was pleased with my season,' she added. 'I thought I improved from last year. There's always room for improvements to be made everywhere, all around.'"

Griffin, meanwhile, hopes Mueth adds a jump serve to her repertoire next season. Either way, Griffin sees a bright future for the sophomore. "I look for her to get better," Griffin said. "We'll be looking to her for leadership."



Paul Ballargeon photo

Red Bud's Jennifer Mueth recorded 190 kills and 38 aces as a sophomore.

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Team	W-L	Overall
Carle	2-0	6-2
Weston	2-0	6-3
Marion	2-0	4-4
Columbia	1-1	2-1
Freeburg	1-1	6-3
Brown Central	1-2	4-4
Red Bud	1-2	2-7
Lebanon	1-2	3-4
New Athens	0-1	2-6
Duqu	0-2	2-7

Southwestern Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
East St. Louis	2-1	3-4
Granite City	2-1	3-4
Mekinist East	1-1	4-3
Calumet	1-1	3-3
Alton	1-1	6-3
Bellevue West	1-2	2-8
Edwardsville	0-3	2-3

Mississippi Valley Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
Mascoutah	2-0	8-1
Bartholomew	1-1	7-2
Truist	1-1	1-7
Jacksonville	1-2	2-3
Highland	1-2	3-4
Watkins	0-3	0-7

South Seven Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
O'Fallon	2-1	4-5
Calumet	2-1	4-5
Marion	0-0	NA
Carle	0-0	NA
Carleton	0-0	NA

Great Overland Trails

Team	W-L	Overall
Metrol East Lutheran	2-0	2-6
Winfield	2-0	9-0
Siles	0-0	6-3
Freeburg	0-0	3-4
Westminster	0-0	3-4
St. Charles Lutheran	0-0	4-5
St. Charles Lutheran	0-0	4-5
St. Mary's	0-1	2-4

Independents

Team	W-L	Overall
Calumet	6-1	6-1
Union	5-2	5-2
Marion	2-0	2-0
Watkins	2-0	2-0
Brookfield	1-0	1-0
Madison	1-0	1-0

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Cahokia Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
Carle	3-0	8-1
Brown Central	3-0	8-1
South Ford	2-1	6-3
Freeburg	2-1	6-3
Avonlea	0-0	1-1
Lebanon	1-3	6-6
Duqu	1-3	6-6
Red Bud	0-3	4-7
New Athens	0-2	0-8

Southwestern Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
Calumet	4-1	5-2
Granite City	4-1	5-2
East St. Louis	3-1	4-3
Calumet	3-1	4-3
Bellevue West	2-3	5-4
Granite City	2-3	5-4
Alton	0-3	3-7

Mississippi Valley Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
East	4-1	5-1
Winfield	3-1	7-3
Bartholomew	2-2	2-7
Bartholomew	2-2	2-7
Marion	1-2	7-3
Watkins	0-4	1-12

South Seven Conference

Team	W-L	Overall
Carle	1-3	6-7
Calumet	1-3	6-7
Marion	0-0	NA
Carle	0-0	NA
Carleton	0-0	NA

Great Overland Trails

Team	W-L	Overall
Metrol East Lutheran	2-0	2-6
Winfield	2-0	9-0
Siles	0-0	6-3
Freeburg	0-0	3-4
Westminster	0-0	3-4
St. Charles Lutheran	0-0	4-5
St. Charles Lutheran	0-0	4-5
St. Mary's	0-1	2-4

Independents

Team	W-L	Overall
Calumet	10-2	10-2
Union	4-4	4-4
Madison	2-9	2-9

MVCHA

standings

MVCHA (Through Dec. 16)

		MVCHA (Through Dec. 1) Class AA			
North		W	L	T	P
Granite City		5	2	0	1
Bethalto		4	2	0	

South

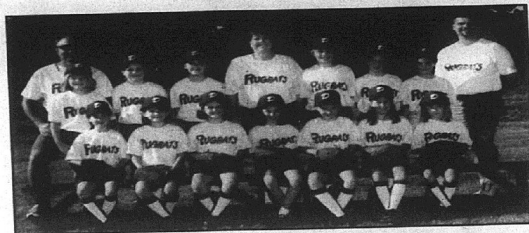
South	W	L	T	P
Collinsville	5	0	1	
Belleville West	3	3	1	
Belleville East	3	3	1	
Cahokia	2	4	0	

East

	Class A			
East	W	L	T	P
Freeburg	5	2	0	
Waterloo	4	3	0	
Columbia	4	3	0	
Triad	3	3	0	

West

West	W	L	T
Jerseyville	4	0	2
EA-Wood River	4	1	1
Roxana	4	3	1
Highland	2	4	0
Southwestern	1	6	0



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P245/75R14 \$116	P225/65R15 \$98
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P185/75R14 WW RAINFORCE \$79	P235/75R15 OWL WRANGLER R/T5 \$99	P235/75R15 BLK TIGER PAW AWP \$63	P205/70R15 BLK TOURING T/A \$72	P205/70R15 BLK F8-680 \$69	P205/70R15 BLK DUELER HT \$79	P205/70R15 BLK AMERIT 550 A/S \$69	P185/65R14 BLK SP-20 \$69
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Sports

Group: contributors should keep promises

Champion: Without foundation, lights will not go up as planned

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Let There Be Light in 2000 Committee is in the midst of a campaign to set the darkness fleeing at Granite City High School.

The committee encourages Granite City alumni, teachers and community members to purchase memorial bricks that will form part of a new walkway leading from the concession stands to the verge of the football field.

Each brick will be inscribed with the name of the donor or a name that the donor may choose. The money raised will then be used to purchase new lights for the football stadium.

Though its work is far from over, the committee has launched this project in grand style.

"This is the 15th of December," said committee member Babe Champion. "We feel that if we can get it to the \$25,000 mark by January, we will be in good shape. We are right around the \$19,000 mark now."

"We are going to order bricks within the next two weeks. Over the holidays, I will be ordering the bricks for all of the donors, over 125 donors. We hope to get the groundwork done, the digging of the foundations, get that done in the winter time when it is kind of slow for the construction companies. Then if we get the big push this spring, we will have the lights up for commencement and then football in the fall. If we don't get the money in we can't do that."

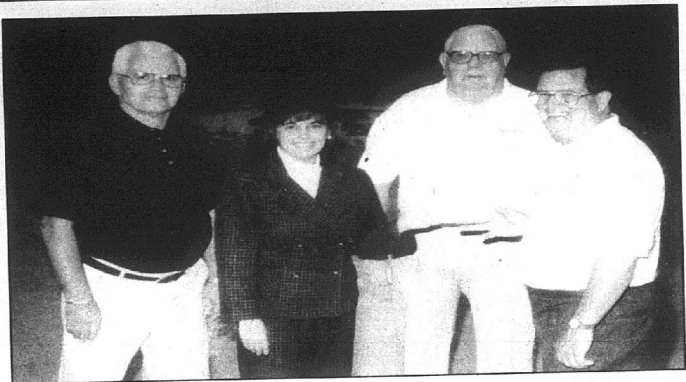
The only thing keeping the light from winning its battle with the darkness is those making

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Babe Champion
committee member

ing promises that their check-books won't cash.

"It is just like building a house," Champion said. "You have to build the basement first. The bricks are going to be there. They are going to be able to see bricks there this spring. But a lot of people have promised



Diane Holmes Prazma (second from left) presents a check for more than \$2,500 to Babe Champion (far right), chairman of the committee attempting to obtain lights for the Granite City High School football field. Other committee members pictured are Ron Dillard (far left) and Gus Lignout. Prazma is a member of the Class of 1974.

things, and a lot of people have forgotten about doing it.

"We just want to get the word out because if they don't mail in the checks, there aren't going to be any new lights up. We can get the foundations built. We have enough money to get all of the wiring done, because it has to be

underground. But we have enough money to do the bricks which have come in, and there will be more of them coming.

Then if we get to the \$20,000 we can put the lights up. But at least we will be able to do the foundation. You have to have the

foundations dug and if the money comes, we put up the lights.

"We may not get it in time for commencement. I think it is important for commencement, but the people have to believe that and send in the money. Then it will be ready for football this fall."

Gilbert steals spotlight at inaugural tournament

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side all the time. He just kicks it out to me, and I take care of my business."

After a disappointing loss in last year's IHSAA Class AA sectional, the Flyers have set a mandate on returning to win it all this year.

"Right now I think we have to get more together and hit the open man as much as we possibly can," Gilbert said. "For me, in my role this year, I think if I

come out shooting the ball like I do and slash to the basket, get fouled, and go to the free-throw line, I will put more points on the board."

"Darius will do his thing, and when I make my baskets, they will start pulling out on me and that leaves him down there wide open so he can do his thing. If he gets in a situation where the defense picks on him, we have Robert Labon. We may not get it in time for commencement. I

think it is important for commencement, but the people have to believe that and send in the money, in the middle to knock down his jump shots. I think we're in good shape."

"You know when you have a player like Darius they are going to double-team and triple-team him, so he is going to have to kick the ball out to somebody," Lewis said. "Phillip is that guy to kick it out to. He is the best outside shooter we have."

Flyers awarded top seed

Granite City opens event on Tuesday against Dixon

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

East St. Louis, the defending Collinsville High-Schnucks

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL
Classic champion and an IHSAA Class AA state tournament qualifier last year, nabbed the top seed at the 1999 Collinsville tournament, which is set for Dec. 28-30.

The Flyers are currently 7-1 and feature 6-foot-9 senior

Darius Miles, a St. John's University signee and one of the top prep players in the country. Miles is averaging 25 points, 14 rebounds, and eight blocks per game.

He was the 1998 Most Valuable Player at the Classic and could become only the third two-time MVP of the tournament. The two past two-time MVPs also attended East St. Louis - LaPhonso Ellis and Cuonzo Martin.

The Flyers open the tournament 4 p.m. Tuesday against Chatham Glenwood.

After a one-year sabbatical, Peoria Central returns to the Classic and has the second seed. Last year, Lions coach Chuck Buescher asked for a one-year hiatus so his team could play in the King Cotton Classic in Arkansas.

Peoria Central was seeded with a 6-1 mark. The Lions are led by 6-6 senior forward Marcellus Sommerville, who is averaging 13 points and nine rebounds per game.

Peoria Central won tournament championships in 1993 and

'94 (with A.J. Guyton playing point guard), finished fourth in 1995 and third in 1996.

The Lions will play Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Quincy grabbed the third seed with a 6-1 mark. The Devils are led by 6-3 senior J.D. Summers, a second-team all-state selection last year who is averaging 20 points and nine rebounds per game.

The Blue Devils have won the Classic title four times in 15 seasons.

Quincy opens play 2:30 p.m. Tuesday against Decatur MacArthur.

The automatic fourth seed went to the host, Collinsville (4-2). Junior guard Terry Tessary, who is averaging 23 points per game, leads the Hawks. Collinsville opens at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday against Madison.

The rest of Tuesday's schedule has Dixon playing Granite City at 9 a.m., Belleville East facing Triad at 1 p.m., Decatur Eisenhower playing Lexington (Ky.) Bourbon County at 7 p.m., and O'Fallon meeting St. Louis University High at 10 p.m.

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'Man On The Moon' resurrects comedian Andy Kaufman

By Ronnie Roy

Andy Kaufman — comedian, song and dance man, or professional practical joker?

The answer, it seems, is all of the above and more, as shown in the new film, "Man On The Moon," starring Jim Carrey as the beloved — and hated — performance artist.

The film begins with Carrey as Kaufman's most popular character, Foreign Man, in a wonderfully bizarre opening scene. The story then shifts to Kaufman's childhood home, where an introverted young boy performs for invisible cameras in his bedroom walls.

The film races through the early years (probably too quickly), from struggling comic to "Saturday Night Live" performer to sitcom star on "Taxi."

Director Milos Forman ("One Flew Over the Cuckoo's

Nest," "Amadeus") is more interested in Kaufman's bizarre acts — lounge singer Tony Clifton, his period as an inter-gender wrestler, and his explosive performances on "Late Night with David Letterman" and the late sketch-comedy show, "Fridays."

Danny DeVito (Kaufman's co-star on "Taxi") served as a producer of the film and stars as Kaufman's long-suffering manager, George Shapiro. It's his job to convince Kaufman that starring in a sitcom is a good career move, and tries, often unsuccessfully, to reign in the comic's more outrageous stunts.

Rounding out the cast is Courtney Love as Kaufman's love interest, Lynne Margulies, and Paul Giamatti as Bob Zmuda, Kaufman's writing partner and usually the only other person in on the jokes.

Kaufman was a unique talent whose goal seemed to be to provoke a reaction, and it didn't matter to him if it was love or hatred. It's a testament to his popularity in the entertainment community that

so many of his peers (from the cast of "Taxi" to wrestler Jerry Lawler to David Letterman) appear in the film.

Carrey follows up his Golden Globe Award-winning

role in "The Truman Show" with another strong performance. His resemblance to Kaufman is uncanny.

If you're looking for a factual biography of the late comedian, you'd be better off looking elsewhere. The film takes liberties with people, places and events to fit Kaufman's 35-year life into a two-hour movie.

The comic died of lung

cancer in 1984. Many people, including family and friends believed the initial reports of his illness were just another stunt.

But the film stays true to the spirit of the late artist, presenting him as neither hero nor villain, but as an eccentric, unique talent. "Man On The Moon" is a Universal Pictures release. It is rated R.



Jim Carrey plays Andy Kaufman in a scene from the Universal Pictures release "Man On The Moon."

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Isn't it a little late to be buying Christmas items? Not at all. Christmas is still three days off, so anything you buy now can still be used this year.

What about the merchandise you buy after Christmas? Okay, you probably will put most of it away, but it'll be ready to enjoy next year. And bargain-

hunting shoppers have been doing that sort of thing for years.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) It may well be the fault of the holiday season, but regardless of this fact, if your performance has not been up to standards, your boss may not take kindly to it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People in general could be more deferential than usual today, so

avoid topics of conversation such as politics or religion when out in public. Keep the issues light and breezy.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you don't take on the responsibility for making any decisions today that involve others, someone else may jump in and make one for you that you don't like. Don't be wishy-washy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Have both method and motive in mind today before you approach your work if you hope to be productive and get things done in as timely a fashion as you would like them to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It would be a mistake today to put

yourself in a minority position that would make you feel impelled to defend. Try to go with the flow and don't buck the majority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Be tenacious and persistent if you hope to achieve your objectives today. If you're not, chances are you may get close to your goals without attaining any.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Positions with which others might have been in accord yesterday could now be challenged by them for no visible reason. Trying to force them to comply would only make matters worse.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Let's hope you have your Christmas shopping done today, because in your haste to get it accomplished, your vision could be blurred as to what is truly of real value.

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Movie listings

Film timetable for Wednesday, Dec. 22. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

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30 Nameoki Village, 877-6630
Toy Story 2 (G) 6:45
Bicentennial Man (PG) 7:00

O'FALLON 15 CINE
1320 Central Park Dr., O'Fallon, Ill., 822-2463
Man On The Moon (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15
Man On The Moon (R) 2:45, 5:15, 8:00
The World Is Not Enough (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00
Anna And The King (PG-13) 3:30, 7:00
The Green Mile (R) 1:00, 4:45, 8:40
The Green Mile (R) 2:15, 6:15
Toy Story 2 (G) 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:20
Toy Story 2 (G) 1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:10
Toy Story 2 (G) 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
Bicentennial Man (PG-13) 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Bicentennial Man (PG-13) 3:00, 5:45, 8:40
Anna And The King (PG-13) 1:15, 4:30, 8:15
Bone Collector (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:55
The Best Man (R) 2:50, 5:20, 7:50
Sixth Sense (R) 1:30, 4:10, 6:40, 9:05

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Deuce Bigalow (R) 1:25, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00
Deuce Bigalow (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
End Of Days (R) 1:15, 4:00, 7:15
Stuart Little (PG) 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Stuart Little (PG) 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10
Sleepy Hollow (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
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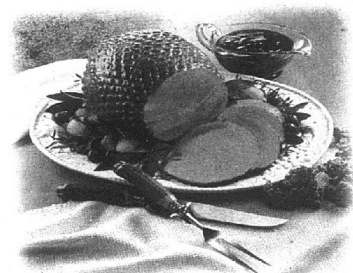
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HOLLY



Garlic-Ginger Roast
with Broccoli Medley



Ham with Cranberry-Orange Sauce

Easy elegance graces festive family meals

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Paper or cloth, napkins blend with the tablecloth. Candelholders hold fresh tapers. Bright red is sprinkled with gold, silver and the reflection of smiling faces.

Yes, this can be the table where people enjoy each other amid food that does not get in the way of fun. Roasts, colorful side

dishes, drinks that glow on ice and make-ahead appetizers are the stuff every cook hopes will happen in a kitchen that cleans up quickly. Help in the kitchen — two legs or inanimate — is on every cook's wish list from Santa.

With or without help, it is time to simplify, simplify, simplify.

Make lists. Make one trip to the supermarket. Prepare as much as

possible in advance. Clean as you work.

Guests usually arrive hungry, eager to sample the makings of the host and hostess's kitchen. Spiced cider provides a warm welcome.

In a large saucepan, bring 1 quart apple cider, 3/4 cup orange juice,

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Food & Nutrition

Wise Ways

Bars-in-a-jar are almost as good as a genie in a bottle.
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Heart-y Bites

High-protein tofu dip becomes life of the party.
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Blue Ribbon Cook

Curry flavors this winning chicken casserole with its toasted coriander top.
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Test Run

Dried fruits come in multiple snack combos.
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Lively Taste

Tomato sauce in 8-ounce cans is a handy item to keep on the pantry shelf for flavor substitutions. Here are equivalents to use in recipes. Instead of 1 cup ketchup in recipes, use 1 cup tomato sauce, 1/2 cup sugar and 2 tablespoons vinegar. When a recipe calls for 1 cup chili sauce, substitute 1 cup tomato sauce, 1/4 cup brown sugar, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, pinch of cloves and pinch of allspice. To compensate for 1 cup tomato juice, blend 1/2 cup tomato sauce and 1/2 cup water. Instead of a (10-3/4-ounce) can of tomato soup, mix in 1 cup tomato sauce plus 1/4 cup water.

Health & Fitness

Medicine Chest

Eating throughout the day causes acid production in the mouth. Over time, acid causes a demineralization of the teeth and cavities. Drinking water, especially after eating carbohydrates, helps rinse the mouth of acid and reduces damage that acid causes to the teeth. To counteract a barrage of acid, eat foods in concentrated periods of time, rather than constantly nibbling.

Fresh Picks

In spite of the famous song, most people's repertoire of holiday experiences does not include roasting chestnuts on an open fire. The fall harvest of chestnuts, however, now awaits use. First, the firm skin under the shell must be peeled away. Start by cutting an X on the flat side of each dark nut, using the tip of a sharp paring knife. Soak chestnuts in a plentiful pot of water 30 minutes to one hour. Drain them, then roast on a baking sheet in a preheated 400 degree oven 15 to 20 minutes or boil them 20 minutes. Peel when they are slightly cooled. After this, they can be added to vegetables or pureed and added to mashed potatoes.

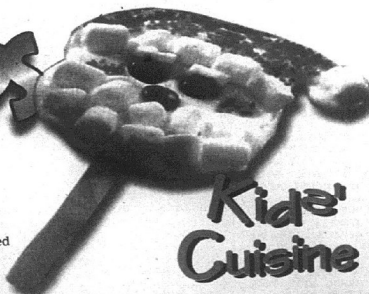
Big Fat Tip

Consider gourmet coffee a dessert treat, because its calorie load can range from the equivalent of a few cookies to a piece of pie. For less fat, try cappuccino and latte light. However, more sugar may be added to compensate for the skim milk, so the calories may be the same as the higher-fat variety. Adding chocolate and whipped cream sends it into the range of that piece of pie. Instead, occasionally savor that coffee on its own for the rich treat it is.

Future Shop

Computer chips allow prices to vary. The day could come when prices drop during off-peak shopping times to give people incentive to shop late at night. The same plan goes for vending machines, where off-hours can feature lower prices. Another new vending machine can raise the price when the outside temperature rises.

SANTA LOLLIPOPS



Kids' Cuisine

1. Line 2 cookie sheets with aluminum foil.
2. Melt 2 ounces premium white baking chocolate according to package directions. For each lollipop, pour a free-form shape of melted chocolate onto foil-lined cookie sheet to make Santa's face and point of hat.
3. Insert lollipop stick at bottom.
4. Drizzle more melted chocolate over stick to cover completely.
5. Sprinkle area for hat with red sugar

6. Place cookie sheet in refrigerator until chocolate hardens.
7. Lift lollipop from foil. Wrap with colored or clear plastic wrap. Gather plastic wrap around stick and tie with ribbon.
8. Makes 8 lollipops.

Tatun's Food

Dried fruit fans far from tree for sweet sample

People who like concentrated sweetness can pick expanded varieties of dried fruit.

Tasters tried two from Sun-Maid Fruitings, melon mix and cherry-berry (each in a 5-ounce bag), and two from Sun-Maid, tropical

TEST RUN

medley (7 ounces) and peaches (6 ounces). Each cost \$2.99 at Schnuck Markets.

Fruitings melon mix disappeared quickly. It contained Thai melons, cantaloupe, Turkish and California apricots and pears. One taster called the mix "addictive."

Another said "it was my favorite of the dried fruit samples. It had a nice combination of fruit tastes, and I was pleasantly surprised by the addition of apricots. The combination of the sweet apricots and the milder melons made a nice mixture."

Even a non-fan of dried fruit was impressed.

"Something about the mix of flavors really was good. I could really taste the two apricot varieties and they tasted fresh and moist, rather than overly dried," he said.

Sun-Maid's tropical med-

ley combined golden raisins, pineapple, papaya, apricot and mango. A taster commented on the textures.

"I like these tropical flavors. The raisins provided a general base. It has a variety of 'soft' and 'hard' in it, and it was multi-sized, too. The tropical has some harder fruit in it, so the melon mix is a little easier to eat," a taster said.

She liked the total-fruit concept.

"Often a tropical mix includes coconut, so it moves into the area of fat. I like the idea that this just has fruit. You can add it to anything else you want for trail mix," she said.

Fruitings cherry-berry mix consisted of cherries, plums and cranberries. Grape juice concentrate and sugar provided sweetness. Blueberry flavor also was added.

"It was very aromatic when I opened the bag," a taster said.

Another thought the cherries made this the sweetest blend. Another thought the mixture should be used in baked goods, such as cranberry bread, with the cherries adding variety.

"The cherries are a sweet, larger size than the other fruit. While the mixture is

not as varied as the others, it is loaded with flavor and came across to me a little less sweet," another said.

The peaches were the only fruit without added sugar. Some tasters missed the added sweetness for flavor. For snacking, tasters preferred the other dried fruits because they were cut up, while each piece of peach was about half a fruit.

"I had a choice. I would rather eat dried apricots (for flavor)," a taster said. "The peaches weren't exactly bite size, which made it not a first choice for snacking."

A taster added an opinion about another Fruitings combination, cranberries and orange.

"I've tried the cranberries with the orange, as well as by themselves. Now that we have become accustomed to the sweetened cranberries, the orange adds a nice variation, particularly by themselves for a snack," she said.

Although price of a small bag of fruit drew a few quizzical looks, as it seemed high to many. One taster had an alternate view.

"There were probably 10 to 15 whole peaches put in that little bag of fruit," she said. "That's not a bad price for that much fruit with its fiber."



Dried fruit plain and in mixes from all over the world sweetens the day.

Helpers avoid tempest in teapot

By Judy Merritt
Correspondent

The holiday season is a time for joy, celebrations and good cheer. By now many stockings are hung and the inviting aroma of home-baked cookies fills the air.

It is time to settle back and enjoy the company of family and friends.

MICRO-RAVES

Unfortunately, this time of year brings stress over chores not done, packages to be wrapped, the house to be cleaned and last-minute gifts to buy. Lighten the stress by counting positives instead of negatives. Put yourself on the back for what is done, rather than what remains.

Plan simple meals as quick as they are nourishing. Count the many conveniences of the modern kitchen that take much of the work out of meal preparation: the dishwasher, the self-cleaning oven, the microwave oven, plus the many small appliances, like electric mixers, available. These wonderful tools lighten the preparation load.

Keeping healthy also brings a positive feeling. Let stress intervene between the highly-paced events.

With emphasis on healthy eating, oyster stew is an excellent alternative to traditional beef stews. The milk base of oyster stew provides calcium. Skim milk can be substituted for whole milk to reduce the fat content.

Unfortunately, fine pearls do not exist in edible oysters. The inner lining of its shell is chalky and lacks the shiny finish that the inedible oyster gives to real pearls.

However, oysters - canned, fresh or frozen - hold a bonus of flavor in stew. Fresh and frozen oysters are cooked thoroughly when the edges begin to curl. Canned oysters are already cooked and only need to be heated, so they can be added after the stew is cooked and thickened.

Microwaving soups and stews hastens preparation. It also can preserve health benefits. Vegetables in them are sautéed before being added to other ingredients. Fat is trimmed from meats to improve the consistency and lower the fat.

Soups can be cooked in large containers, too, to avoid messy boil-overs. This is especially important in milk-based soups because milk foams as it boils.

Let this delicious oyster stew warm heart and home this busy season. Top it off with warm French bread and a tossed salad.

Home economist Judy Merritt specializes in microwave cooking.

OYSTER STEW

- 1 can (8 oz.) oysters
- 2 cups peeled, cubed potato
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 4 cups skim milk
- Salt and pepper to taste

In large microwave-safe bowl, cook potato and water, covered, on high power 3 minutes.

Heat margarine on high power 30 seconds. Add celery and onion. Sauté, covered, on high power 2 minutes.

Combine potato and its liquid with sautéed vegetables, Worcestershire sauce and milk. Microwave, covered, 5 to 6 minutes on high power until hot, stirring occasionally to avoid boil-overs.

Makes 4 servings.
Note: To make hearty, New England-style clam chowder, use two (7-ounce) cans minced clams instead of oysters.

OATMEAL RAISIN SPICE COOKIE MIX

- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup raisins (or 1/2 cup raisins plus 1/2 cup chocolate chips)
- 1-1/2 cups uncooked oats (not instant)
- 1 cup flour combined with 1 tsp. baking soda and 1/2 tsp. salt

Layer ingredients in order listed above in 1-quart wide-mouth jar.

Directions on gift card: Empty Oatmeal Raisin Spice Cookie Mix into large bowl.

Blend ingredients. Add 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) margarine or butter (softened), 1 egg (slightly beaten) and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix until completely blended. Shape into small balls or drop by teaspoonful 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 10 to 12 minutes until cookies are lightly browned. Remove from baking sheet to racks to cool. Yields 3 dozen cookies.

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1/4 cup maraschino cherry juice, 1 cinnamon stick, 1 strip (1/2-by-3-inches) lemon peel, 3 whole cloves and 3 whole allspice to boil. Reduce heat. Simmer 15 minutes.

Strain out solids and pour warm cider into mugs. Serve warm. Garnish with maraschino cherries, sliced lemon and more cinnamon sticks.

This amount makes eight (3/4-cup) servings. It can be prepared in advance and refrigerated, then reheated just before serving.

Shrimp cocktail spread is elegant with crackers. Sprinkle 1 envelope unflavored gelatin over 1/2 cup skim milk in a small saucepan. After it stands 1 minute, stir over low heat about 3 minutes until the gelatin dissolves.

In a food processor, blend 1 pound shrimp, cooked and cleaned, with 1 cup cocktail sauce, 1 cup light sour cream and 2 tablespoons prepared horseradish until smooth. Gradually add gelatin mixture until well blended. Stir in 1/3 cup chopped green onion.

Pour the mixture into a 4-cup mold. Refrigerate at least 4 hours until firm. Unmold before serving.

Ham is an easy perennial. It already is cooked, so it only needs reheating. A sauce dresses it like garland on a Scotch pine.

A 2- to 3-pound ham gives 4 to 6 servings. Choose one between 4 and 6 pounds for 8 to 10 servings. An 8- to 12-pound ham usually provides 16 to 20 servings.

Pork roast needs to be cooked until done. However, overcooking dries it out. This version gathers flavor from an overnight marinade of soy sauce, molasses, ginger, garlic and Dijon mustard.

For more recipes like these from web sites, look up www.cherrymkt.org, www.nppc.org, www.knoxfood.com, www.farmhand.com and www.culinary.net.

GARLIC-GINGER ROAST

- 1 (4 lb.) boneless pork loin roast
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup oil
- 2 tsp. molasses
- 2 tsp. grated ginger root
- 2 tsp. Dijon mustard
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled, crushed

Place pork in large resealable plastic bag.

In small bowl, combine soy sauce, oil, molasses, ginger, Dijon mustard and garlic. Whisk to blend well. Pour over pork. Seal bag. Refrigerate at least 8 hours, or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove roast from bag, pat dry and place in shallow roasting pan, reserving marinade.

Roast pork in preheated oven, basting meat occasionally with marinade the first 30 minutes; discard remaining marinade. Roast about 1 hour until internal temperature of meat reaches 155 degrees.

Let meat rest 10 minutes before slicing. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

BROCCOLI MEDLEY

- 2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen broccoli spears
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 lb. sliced bacon, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 2 cups sliced fresh mushrooms
- 1/2 cup minced green onion with tops
- 1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained
- 1/4 cup slivered almonds
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 2 jars (4 oz. each) pimiento strips, drained

In large saucepan, cook broccoli in chicken broth about 8 minutes until tender-crisp. Drain, reserving 1/3 cup cooking liquid. Cut broccoli in bite-size pieces.

In medium skillet, fry bacon about 5 minutes until slightly crisp. Add mushrooms, onion, water chestnuts, almonds, salt and pepper. Cook and stir about 5 minutes longer until bacon is crisp and mushrooms are tender.

If desired, vegetables at this point can be refrigerated, covered, up to 3 hours.

Just before serving, combine broccoli, 1/3 cup cooking liquid and cooked ingredients. Heat thoroughly. Arrange vegetables in serving dish. Garnish with pimiento.

Makes 12 servings; can be halved.

BAKED HAM WITH SAUCES

Baked Ham with Rum-Raisin Sauce: Place 4- to 6-pound boneless ham and 3/4 cup water in baking dish. Bake in preheated 325 degree oven 1-1/4 hours until internal temperature reaches 140 degrees.

In small saucepan, bring 1 cup water and 1 cup dried raisins to boil. In separate bowl, combine 1/2 cup brown sugar and 2 tablespoons flour. Add to raisin mixture. Cook and stir until thickened. Add 2 tablespoons butter and, if desired, 2 to 3 tablespoons rum (or 1 teaspoon rum extract). Stir to blend, then remove from heat.

Serve Rum Raisin Sauce with sliced ham.

Baked Ham with Cranberry-Orange Sauce: Place 8- to 12-pound whole ham in baking dish. Bake in preheated 325 degree oven, allowing 15 to 18 minutes per pound, until internal temperature reaches 140 degrees.

In medium saucepan, bring 2 cups fresh cranberries, 1 cup orange juice and 1/4 cup frozen cranberry juice cocktail concentrate, thawed, to boil. Partially cover, reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes until cranberries pop and mixture thickens. Remove 2 teaspoons zest from 2 oranges and add to cranberries.

Remove orange sections from membrane and peel and coarsely chop, then add to cranberries. Add 1 tablespoon sugar, if desired. Bring to boil.

Serve warm sauce with sliced ham. Yields 16 to 20 servings.

Layer bars-in-jars for gifted mix-up

By Linda Rellergert
Correspondent

Santa's sleigh is set to take off in just a few days, but there still is room for last-minute holiday gifts. Cookie mix in a jar is quick, inexpensive and easy, but still special for the recipient.

Simply fill wide-mouth canning jars with a pretty layered "arrangement" of ingredients for a pan of delicious, chewy bars. Add a colorful fabric "cap" tied with a ribbon, a card with instructions for baking the bars, add a Christmas ornament for a special touch, and you're set.

All the ingredients can be bought on a regular grocery shopping trip. Make any number of jars assembly line-fashion. No additional wrapping is necessary.

Don't forget "put-together" instructions as the recipient of this tasty gift adds a few ingredients, which may include butter or shortening, an egg and flavoring. Friends and acquaintances with little spare time for scratch baking appreciate the convenience of homemade goodness in these bars and cookies.

These recipes were adapted

from a set developed by University of Illinois Extension. Home economist Linda Rellergert is nutrition specialist for University Extension (University of Missouri system) in St. Charles County.

SAND ART BROWNIES

- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp. flour
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup vanilla chips
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Layer ingredients in order given in one-quart wide-mouth jar. Level ingredients as they are layered. Cover lid with 7-1/2 inch circle of fabric tied with ribbon or raffia.

Directions on gift card: In large mixing bowl, combine contents of jar with 3 eggs (well beaten), 2/3 cup oil and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir well to combine all ingredients. Pour batter into well-greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 30 to 35 minutes. Cool before cutting.

Today's Food

Chicken and broccoli make winning team

Tamara Promaroli, St. Charles, wins the week's prize in this month's recipe contest.

Her prize of dinner certificates at the Pasta House Co. is credited to her Chicken Broccoli Casserole.

The easy-to-mix base of chicken, broccoli, creamy soup and mayonnaise receives flavor punch from curry powder and a touch of lemon. For the crunchy topping, half a box of corn muffin mix is mixed with parmesan cheese, almonds and margarine.

A friend shared the recipe

with her long ago, then she tucked it away. When she found it and started making it again, she found a grateful audience among family and co-workers. She uses chicken or turkey interchangeably. A recipe for a quick bread made with a fruit or vegetable should be postmarked by Dec. 31 to be considered as a possible winner one of the Wednesdays in January. Suggestions include banana, strawberry, pumpkin, lemon or cherries.

A single recipe should be sent to: Fruity Quick Bread Recipe Contest, Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis 63131. It also can be e-mailed to west-

news@primary.net.

Winners will be chosen from entries on the basis of taste and eye appeal, as well as originality, although the recipe need not be original.

As usual, the history of the recipe will be considered part of the entry. If possible, name the recipe's source.

Type or print the recipe legibly on one side of the paper. Include name, address and telephone number on the entry. Name the Journal you receive.

Double-check the recipe as it is written for both amounts and directions. Include any variations that make this dish special.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compli-

ance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after the prize-winning publication date.

CHICKEN BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

1 to 3 cups cooked chicken (or turkey), diced
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped broccoli (fresh can be used)
1 can (10-1/4 oz.) cream of chicken soup
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 tsp. curry powder
1-1/2 tsp. lemon juice
1/2 box (about 7 oz.

size) corn muffin mix
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine
1/4 cup toasted almonds

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Cook broccoli until tender. Arrange in bottom of 13-by-9-inch baking dish or 2-quart casserole dish. Top with chicken, undiluted soup, mayonnaise, curry powder and lemon juice.

Top with corn muffin mix and cheese. Dot with margarine. Sprinkle with almonds.

Bake in preheated oven 40 to 55 minutes.

SNACK MIX DELIGHT

In large roaster pan, combine 5 cups corn, rice or wheat cereal squares; 2 cups oyster crackers; 2 cups pretzel sticks, broken in half; 1 cup dried cranberries and 2 cups (9.5 oz. can) cashew halves.

In small bowl, stir together 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted, and 1 package (1.2 ounces) Caesar (or Italian) salad dressing mix. Pour over cereal mixture. Toss to coat.

Bake in preheated 300 degree oven 20 to 30 minutes, stirring twice, until lightly browned.

Cool completely. Store in tightly covered containers. Makes twenty-four (1/2 cup) servings.

Note: Snack can be baked in two 13-by-9-inch pans or two 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pans.

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2 eggs, slightly beaten
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1/3 cup oil
1 cup mashed sweet potato
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup flour
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. allspice
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat 9-by-5-inch loaf pan with nonstick cooking spray and dust with flour.

In large bowl, combine eggs, sugar, oil, sweet potato and vanilla.
In separate bowl, combine flour, cinnamon, allspice and baking soda. Make well in center. Pour potato mixture into well. Mix until just moistened. Stir in cranberries.

Spoon batter into prepared loaf pan. Bake in preheated oven 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
Makes 16 servings.

CHICKEN VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

1 pkg (8 oz.) uncooked spaghetti
2 cups diced cooked chicken
1/4 cup plus 2 tbsp. grated parmesan cheese
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
1 tsp. lemon-pepper seasoning
2 pkg. (10 oz. each) asparagus spears, cooked, drained

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9-by-13-inch cooking pan.

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Drain. In large mixing bowl, combine spaghetti, chicken, 1/4 cup cheese, soup and lemon pepper. Spread spaghetti mixture evenly on bottom of prepared

pan. Arrange asparagus on top.

Bake in preheated oven 15 to 20 minutes until hot. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons cheese. Bake 5 to 8 minutes longer.

Makes 6 to 8 servings
Note: Pimiento strips placed between asparagus spears give casserole more color.

MAKE-AHEAD MASHED POTATOES

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, softened
2 tbsp. finely chopped, oil-packed, sun-dried tomato, drained
1 tsp. thinly sliced green onion
1 tsp. finely chopped garlic
1-1/4 tsp. salt
8 cups (about 4 lb.) potatoes, peeled, cut in 1 inch chunks
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened, cut in small chunks
3/4 cup milk
Paprika and chopped fresh parsley, if desired

In small bowl, mix together butter, tomato, onion, garlic and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Beat at medium speed of electric mixer until well mixed.

In 4-quart saucepan or Dutch oven, cover potatoes with water. Add 1 teaspoon salt. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium. Cook potatoes 15 to 18 minutes until fork-tender. Drain.

In large bowl, mash potatoes on low speed of mixer. Increase speed to medium. Beat, gradually adding cream cheese, 1/4 cup milk and tomato butter until

smooth. Place in 3-quart microwave-safe casserole. Refrigerate, covered, at least 4 hours, or overnight.
Microwave oven directions: Pour remaining 1/2 cup milk over potatoes. Microwave, covered, on high power 15 to 18 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, until heated through. Let stand 10 minutes. Sprinkle with paprika and chopped parsley.
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2 tsp. grated orange rind
1 cup cake flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1/4 tsp. salt
Confectioner's sugar
Caramel-Orange

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line greased 15-by-10-inch jellyroll pan with parchment paper. Grease paper.

Using high speed of electric mixer, beat eggs 2 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar until very thick and yellow. This takes 3 to 5 minutes. Mix in water, orange extract and orange rind.

Combine flour, baking powder and salt. Mix into creamed mixture. Spread batter evenly in prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven 10 to 12 minutes until cake is golden and springs back when touched. Loosen cake from side of pan. Immediately invert pan on kitchen towel sprinkled with confectioner's sugar. Remove parchment paper. Roll up cake and towel, beginning at long edge. Place on wire rack. Cool completely.

To assemble, carefully unroll cake. Spread with 1-1/2 cups Caramel-Orange Cream Cheese Buttercream. Re-roll cake. Cut generous 1-inch slice from each end. Place roll on serving plate and frost with remaining buttercream. Re-attach cake ends with wooden picks. Frost. Use times of fork to make "bark" texture on frost-

ing. Caramel-Orange Buttercream: In medium saucepan over medium heat, heat 2/3 cup sugar until it melts and turns golden, stirring occasionally. Watch carefully, as sugar burns easily.

Add 3/4 cup orange juice and 1 tablespoon grated orange rind. Heat to boiling over medium heat, stirring to dissolve previous caramel mixture. Strain and discard orange rind. Return syrup to saucepan and cook to 230 degrees on candy thermometer. Cool to room temperature.

Beat 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese and 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter until smooth. Beat in caramel mixture and 3/4 cup confectioner's sugar until smooth and fluffy.

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1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed, light brown sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine or butter
1/4 cup bottled lemon juice
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 cup chopped pecans
2 pkg. (8 oz. each) refrigerated cres-

cent rolls.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In small saucepan, bring granulated sugar, brown sugar, margarine, lemon juice and cinnamon to boil. Boil 1 minute.

Pour all but 1/4 cup lemon mixture into 9-inch round layer cake pan. Sprinkle with nuts. Separate rolls into 8 rectangles. Spread with reserved 1/4 cup lemon mixture, beginning with short side; seal edges. Cut in half. Place rolls cut-side down over nuts. Bake in preheated

oven 30 to 35 minutes until dark golden brown. Loosen sides. Immediately turn onto serving plate. Let stand 5 minutes before removing pan. Serve warm. Makes 16.

about 5 minutes until golden on both sides. Sprinkle one side with salt-free seasoning and roll into small rolls. Arrange in ovenproof dish. Place 2 ounces cheddar cheese, cut in thin slices, over eggplant in lattice pattern. Broil about 1 minute until cheese melts.

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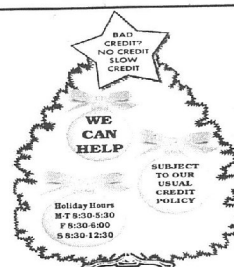
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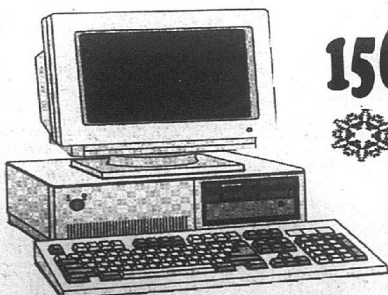
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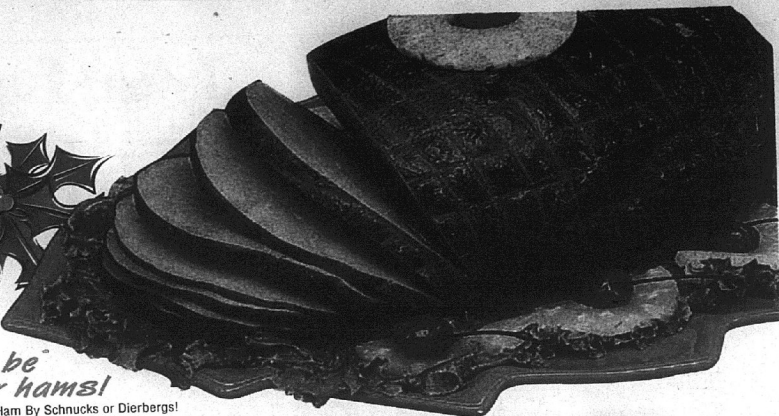
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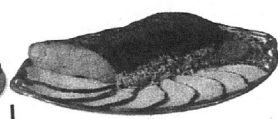
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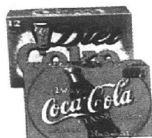
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BMW continues redesign of 3-series with new coupe

By Tom Strongman

BMW's are for folks who love to drive.

Not only do they sit firmly on the road and knife through corners with the precision of plastic canyons performing a face lift, but their engines speak to you through the seat of your pants and the bottom of your right foot. It's no wonder driving enthusiasts gather at the BMW altar to pay homage to their marque.

The popular 3-series underwent a major redesign in late 1998, when it appeared as a 1999 model, but only in sedan form. As BMW often does, it introduced one model at a time, and coupe lovers had to make do with the old design for one more year. Now, for 2000, the new coupe, clad in its own unique sheet metal, finally hits the streets. The convertible will be out next spring.

There are two models, the 323Ci and the 328Ci. Prices start at \$29,560 for the 323 and \$34,560 for the 328. Both use in-line, aluminum, six-cylinder engines with dual overhead cams, four valves per cylinder and variable valve timing. The 323 has a 2.5-liter, 170-horsepower engine, while the 328's 2.8-liter has 193 horsepower.

These engines are as smooth as an electric motor and pull easily throughout the rev range. The larger engine, like the 328i drove, has the kind of throttle with a satisfying surge that makes frequent shifts unnecessary. And that's a shame, because the five-speed manual transmission has one of the most solid, direct shift linkages on the planet, and using it is a joy.

The optional automatic transmission allows the driver to take shifts manually by tipping the lever forward or back.

Despite the fact that most body panels are different, the coupe has a strong family resemblance to the sedan. Dimensionally, it is roughly 1 inch lower, 1 inch wider and nearly 2 inches longer. The windshield is raked back at a steeper angle for a rakish profile and a sportier stance, befitting its intended customer.

The sleek coupe blends the functionality of a four-seater with the manners of a sports car. Most coupe buyers use the back seat on rare occasions, and when they do their passengers will appreciate a slight improvement in knee room. Being able to fold down the back seat and create a sizable cargo space is one of its most appealing aspects.

In the past, the rear quarter

windows opened manually, which meant that most people never used them because reaching clear to the back of the car was inconvenient. This year, they are power operated, which is great.

Our test car was equipped with the Premium Package, which consists of leather upholstery, wood trim, power sun roof and rain-sensing windshield wipers. The seats are not as firm as those in the sport package, but they still do an excellent job of holding you on all sides.

The beat belts, mounted on the door pillars, were almost impossible to reach once the door was closed.

The instrument panel layout bears a strong resemblance to the one in the larger 5-Series, especially in the way the center section curves out toward the driver. Gauges have a different coloration than those in the sedan, but otherwise they have the same simple design and excellent readability.

The three-spoke steering wheel has fingertip control for radio and cruise control, but they are marked with international symbols that I find difficult to decipher. Vehicle dynamics, always a BMW hallmark, are even more a part of the coupe's personality.

The standard suspension pieces

are basically the same as the sport suspension of the sedan, which corresponds to a taut, but not tough, ride, almost perfectly weighted steering and ventilated disc brakes that scrub off speed so quickly you feel slightly disoriented if you nail them at 70 mph.

To enhance handling in poor traction situations, such as rain, snow or ice, BMW outfits the coupe with traction control and anti-lock brakes. The Dynamic Stability Control system takes input from various sensors and applies one brake at a time to help keep the car on its path. This unit is invaluable in emergency evasive maneuvers.

Safety equipment includes front and side air bags plus BMW's Head Protection System, a tube-like airbag that deploys across the side window to protect the head of front-seat occupants in a side impact.

The base price of our test car was \$34,560. The light yellow metallic paint, Premium Package, Xenon headlights and AM/FM/CD player brought the sticker price to \$38,635.

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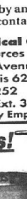
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